

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3, 6, 10-15, 27-28, and 30 are allowable. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 6-15, and 27-28 and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13 and 27 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claim 7 been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claim 7 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention, citing informalities. In the present paper, Applicants have amended claim 7 to accommodate the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection to claim 7.

Objection to Claims 8-9

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8-9 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but indicated that claims 8-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the present paper, Applicants have amended claim 7, the rejected base claim. As such, claims 8-9 no longer depend from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-9 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 7 is allowable and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection to claims 8-9.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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